

CONSTITUTION
—AND—
BY-LAWS
OF THE
Fruit-Growers' Association
OF THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ADOPTED AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD IN VANCOUVER
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Society shall be called "THE BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT:

The object of the Society shall be to encourage the cultivation of Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, and pursuits pertaining to Horticulture, the promotion of Bee culture, holding of exhibitions and collecting information regarding the different varieties of fruits best adapted for cultivation in this Province.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Its officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, Second Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and such number of Directors as may from time to time be considered advisable.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of January, in each year, notice of which meeting shall be advertised by the Secretary-Treasurer, not less than thirty days before the time of meeting, in the newspapers of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Kamloops and Nanaimo.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTIONS.

Election of officers shall be by ballot.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting, the members shall elect a Board of Directors, who shall at their first meeting, elect their President and Vice-President from their number. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

QUORUM.

Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Board of Direction. Thirteen members shall form a quorum at all meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The Directors shall form a board for the government of the Society; shall hold meetings quarterly, as follows: in the month of January on the day previous to the annual meeting, and on the first Tuesday of May, August, and November, or as often as they may be deemed expedient; shall appoint the time and place for holding exhibitions; make such rules and regulations for the same as may be required; make and publish, before the 15th day of April of each year, a full and specific list of prizes to be awarded; encourage the introduction of new objects of horticulture, and for the purpose of promoting the interests and objects of the Society (subject to its instruction, supervision and control); shall keep a record of all their proceedings, and make a report of the same to the Society at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Board of Direction of the Society, it may be filled by a special election of the said Board, at such time as they may deem expedient, of which one month's notice shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer in writing to each member of the said Board.

ARTICLE VII.

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Society; to maintain order; to state the business before the Society; in case of equal division upon any question to give the casting vote; to call for accounts and reports of all Committees; to call extra meetings of the Society, when requested, in writing, by five members; and generally to superintend the execution of such by-laws and regulations as the Society shall from time to time enact, not otherwise provided for.

ARTICLE VIII.

In case of the absence of the President at any meeting of the Society, it shall be the duty of the Vice-President to take the chair, and in his absence, the Second Vice-President, who, for

the time being, shall have and use all the authority, privileges and powers of the President. In case of the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Society shall then choose, viva voce, a President pro tempore, to preside at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all sums of money due, or payable to the Society, and shall deposit all sums over \$25 in some chartered bank approved of by the Board of Directors; no payment to be made without the written order of the President, or in case of his absence, of the Vice-President, or in his absence, of the Second Vice-President; give due notice of all meetings of the Society and Board of Direction; keep a record of all proceedings of the same; shall write all letters in the name of the Society and conduct its correspondence; shall keep copies of the same in a book to be provided for the purpose, which shall be open to the inspection of the members at any regular meeting; shall report to Board of Direction the receipt of all donations of scions, seeds, plants, books or specimens, which shall be distributed in such manner as shall be deemed best (the recipient, from time to time, making report of their success). He shall be

compelled to give the necessary bonds to provide against loss of funds held by him—amount of said bonds to be fixed by the Board of Direction; in the absence of the Secretary, the President shall appoint a Secretary pro tempore.

ARTICLE X.

There shall be an annual Exhibition of Fruits, Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Horticultural Designs, &c., on such day or days, and subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Direction may approve. There shall also be Exhibitions at such other times and seasons, and at such place or places as may be by them deemed expedient.

ARTICLE XI.

Any person residing in the Province of British Columbia may become a member of this Society upon paying an annual fee of two dollars, which shall entitle him to the privilege of competing for prizes at all exhibitions of the Society, and shall be eligible to any office or appointment of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.

Any person residing outside the limits of the Province shall, upon the payment of one dollar

annually, be entitled to the privileges of membership, so far as admission to Exhibition, together with copies of reports that may be published during the year by the Society. Such persons shall not, by this act, be entitled to any of the elective or controlling privileges of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

The financial year shall end on the 30th November, and no one shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting who has not been a member the preceding year, and has paid his subscription for the current year.

ARTICLE XIV.

Any person residing within the Province, on payment of twenty dollars, will be entitled to a life membership which will entitle him to all the privileges of the Society.

ARTICLE XV.

All funds derived from life membership fees shall be permanently invested for the benefit of the Society, and the interest alone shall be used for the current expenses.

ARTICLE XVI.

All accounts of the Society shall be examined and audited by two persons appointed by the Society at the regular annual meeting.

ARTICLE XVII.

The only paid officer of the Society shall be the Secretary - Treasurer, whose remuneration shall be fixed by the Board of Direction.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Neither the Constitution nor By-laws shall be changed except by a two-thirds vote of all members voting at a regular meeting of the Society, due notice of the proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Reports.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Discussions.

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